**Resumption of services at Kadappa and Warangal Airports**

283. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government had requested the Airports Authority of India (AAI) to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for resumption of services at Kadappa and Warangal airports and also to undertake site selection for locating Greenfield airports at Ramagundam in Karim Nagar Distt., Kothagundam in Khammam Distt., Tadepalligudam, Nizamabad, Ongole, Kurnool, Nellore and Adilabad;

(b) if so, the status of above said request; and

(c) by when these requests are likely to be materialised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between Airports Authority of India (AAI) and Government of Andhra Pradesh (GoAP) for the development of Kaddappa and Warangal Airports for operation of ATR-72 type of aircraft.

On the request of GoAP, AAI has carried out the feasibility study of the proposed sites for the development of 8 Regional Airports by GoAP at Nellore (Nellore District), Ongole (Prakasam District), Ramagundam (Karimnagar District), Kothagudem (Khamam District), Kurnool (Kurnool District), Tadepalligudem (West Godavari District-existing World War-11 air strip), Nizamabad (Nizamabad District) and Bobbilli (Vizianagaram District). Report has been submitted to GoAP for taking further necessary action.

AAI has undertaken the construction of new Runway, Apron, link Taxi Track, and allied works foir operation of ATR-72 type of aircraft at Kadappa Airport. The target date for completion of this work is August, 2009. Action for construction of New Modular Terminal Building for handling 100 passengers at a time, has been initiated.

AAI has requested Govt. of Andhra Pradesh for acquiring and handing over 438 acres of land for taking up the development works at Warangal Airport.

**Modernization of Chandigarh Airport**

284. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a proposal to modernize the Chandigarh airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is also considering the introduction of international flights to London and Canada from that airport; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?